

SPRING WHEAT AND BARLEY PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2004

Based on July 1 conditions, the Minnesota **SPRING WHEAT** crop is forecast at 83.04 million bushels, down 6 percent from last year according to the USDA-NASS, Minnesota Field Office. Yield is forecast at 48 bushels per acre, down 7 bushels per acre from last year. Acres for harvest are up 7 percent from 2004 at 1.73 million acres.

BARLEY growers expect a crop of 7.14 million bushels, down 9 percent from last year. Yield at 68 bushels per acre is unchanged from last year. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 105,000 acres, down 9 percent from 2004.

OAT production is forecast at 14.91 million bushels, up 12 percent from 2004. Yield at 71 bushels is up 1 bushel from 2004. Acres to be harvested are estimated at 210,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from last year.

FALL POTATO acres planted totaled 46,000 acres. Harvested acres are estimated to be 42,000 acres. The planted and harvested levels are down 2 percent and 5 percent respectively, from 2004.

U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

SPRING WHEAT production is forecast at 589 million bushels, up 3 percent from 2004. The U.S. yield is forecast at 43.2 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year's record high. Of the total production, 552 million bushels are Hard Red Spring wheat, up 5 percent from last season.

WINTER WHEAT production is forecast at 1.53 billion bushels. This is down 1 percent from last month but 2 percent above 2004. The U.S. yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month. Area harvested for grain totals 34.3 million acres, unchanged from the *Acreage* report released on June 30, 2005, but down 2 percent from the June 1 forecast.

DURUM WHEAT production is forecast at 94.1 million bushels, up 5 percent from 2004. The U.S. yield is forecast at 38.4 bushels per acre, 0.4 bushel more than last year.

BARLEY production for 2005 is forecast at 243.0 million bushels, 13 percent below 2004. Based on July 1 conditions, the average yield is forecast at 70.0 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushels from last year.

OAT production is forecast at 131.3 million bushels, 13 percent above last year's 115.9 million bushels. The forecasted yield is 66.5 bushels per acre, 1.8 bushels above 2004.

Area planted to **FALL POTATOES** this year is estimated at 970,400 acres, down 7 percent from last year. Harvest is expected from 955,700 million acres, down 7 percent from a year ago.

MINNESOTA & U.S. SMALL GRAIN HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

| COMMODITY | 2004 HARVESTED ACRES | 2005 HARVESTED ACRES | 2004 YIELD | 2005 YIELD | 2004 PRODUCTION | 2005 PRODUCTION |
|---------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | -1,000 ACRES- | | -BUSHEL- | | -1,000 BUSHEL- | |
| MINNESOTA | | | | | | |
| SPRING WHEAT | 1,610 | 1,730 | 55.0 | 48.0 | 88,550 | 83,040 |
| BARLEY | 115 | 105 | 68.0 | 68.0 | 7,820 | 7,140 |
| OATS | 190 | 210 | 70.0 | 71.0 | 13,300 | 14,910 |
| UNITED STATES | | | | | | |
| SPRING WHEAT | 13,174 | 13,637 | 43.2 | 43.2 | 568,918 | 588,740 |
| DURUM WHEAT | 2,363 | 2,453 | 38.0 | 38.4 | 89,893 | 94,075 |
| WINTER WHEAT | 34,462 | 34,271 | 43.5 | 44.5 | 1,499,434 | 1,525,302 |
| BARLEY | 4,021 | 3,471 | 69.4 | 70.0 | 279,253 | 242,877 |
| OATS | 1,792 | 1,976 | 64.7 | 66.5 | 115,935 | 131,314 |